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Weapons charges

Halton Regional Police closed off part of Hwy. 7 for several hours Wednesday evening while attempting to make contact with a 24-year-old male reported to have been brandishing a hand gun outside a residence at 92 Guelph Street.

Police arrived at the scene just before 8:00 p.m. and found the suspect had entered the residence.

The area was cordoned off. The Halton Regional Police Tactical Rescue Unit arrived at the scene.

At 11:00 p.m., contact was made with the suspect and an arrest was made without incident. The weapon, which was found to be a pellet gun, was recovered and no one was injured during the incident.

Police say the operation was hampered by poor weather conditions which made visibility difficult.

Mark Galasso, of no fixed address, has been charged with pointing a firearm and having a weapon dangerous to public peace.

His bail hearing was held Thursday in Milton Court, past the Herald's press deadline.

Region opposed to landfill site

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT
The Herald

A revised recommendation expressing more strongly Halton Region council's opposition to a proposed landfill site in the Acton quarry was passed by council on Wednesday.

The proposal was considered by the Planning and Public Works Committee prior to the council meeting, which made the recommendation stating the documentation provided by Reclamation Systems Inc., the company who wants the landfill site, was "incorrect and incomplete."

The committee wrote in its report that documentation in areas of hydrological issues, the Environmental Assessment Act process, land use planning and financial issues, were inaccurate.

"It is the opinion that if the application is approved as it is currently designed," said the committee, "then the aquifer (a geological formation that supplies water for springs) in this area will be at risk of contamination."

Contamination is what Barbara Halsall, representative for Preserve Our Water and Environment (POWER), is very concerned about and she expressed those concerns to the board.

"It isn't a matter of if, but when our water will be contaminated," she said.

"I'm encouraged that the Planning and Public Works Committee said as much as they did," said Mrs. Halsall. "I'm encouraged by the recommendation passed but our group would have

liked the region to come out and say 'No, we don't want the landfill site.'"

However, council did say the application was unacceptable in its present form and asked that the director of the Environmental Assessment Branch require Reclamation Systems to further amend its application and urge the company to reconsider proceeding further with its application for the landfill site.

The reason POWER and council don't approve of the landfill is because it would be situated in the Niagara Escarpment which has been classified as a biosphere reserve, meaning it conserves examples of characteristic ecosystems of some of the world's natural regions.

Mrs. Halsall said places like the Florida everglades and Gallapagos Islands are also classified biosphere reserves.

"The escarpment has been set aside as very special and we should protect it as much as possible," said Mrs. Halsall, who said no matter how many studies are done on the Reclamation Systems Inc. application, a landfill shouldn't be contained in the escarpment.

Halton's opinion on the matter is required for the operation of a landfill site in Halton but the matter doesn't end with Halton's recommendations.

Now, the application is subject to review by government review agencies and inspected by the Environmental Assessment Branch under the Ministry of the Environment.



Fire causes \$20,000 damage

Halton Hills firefighters were at this house on the 9th Line for two-and-a-half hours Wednesday evening trying to douse a fire burning in the ceiling rafters. The house was severely damaged to the

tune of an estimated \$20,000 of which \$15,000 damage was to the house itself and \$5,000 damage to the property of the tenants residing there. (Herald photo)

Renowned artist Robert Bateman to make exclusive presentation

Renowned artist and conservationist, Robert Bateman, will make an exclusive presentation to students of the Halton Board of Education on the environment. The presentation will take place this Wednesday, at E.C. Drury High School in Milton. Bateman will be the keynote speaker at a luncheon meeting which begins at 11:45 a.m. and concludes at 3:15 p.m.

Bateman's address will include a special slide presentation. The audience will be approximately 300 Grade 4 to Grade 13 students and teachers from schools within the Halton Board of Education. Superintendent of Policy and Planning, Bob Parry, notes that "this exciting event is an excellent prelude to Earth Week 1991 and will provide an ideal forum for students to express their sincere concerns about saving our world."

Bateman is also serving as the opening speaker for the Ontario School Library Associations' 19th Annual Ideashop Conference in Toronto. He has generously volunteered to fly in a day earlier from his home in British Columbia to talk to Halton public school students about the environment. Director of Education, Bob Williams, points out that "Mr. Bateman apparently has made this commitment to our Board because he was extremely im-

pressed with our dedication and effort in promoting environmental education."

Bateman has a special relationship with the Halton Board of Education, having taught in Halton from 1958/1959 until 1976. He worked in a number of secondary schools including Nelson and Lord Elgin High Schools in Burlington and also served as an Art Consultant.

Bateman is well known as one of the foremost artists depicting the world of nature. His honors, awards and honorary doctorates are many; he was made Officer of the Order of Canada, our country's highest civilian award. Two books of art have been made publishing history selling more than half a million copies. Bateman's art reflects his commitments to ecology and preservation. He has been an active member of activist clubs and conservation since the early 60's, and continues to support environmental and preservation issues and conservation organizations by

serving as a spokesperson in using his art work in fundraising efforts. Bateman has noted, "I can't conceive of anything being more varied and rich and handsome than the planet Earth. And its crowning beauty is the natural world. I want to soak it up, to understand it as well as I can, and to absorb it. And then I'd like to put it together and express it in my paintings. This is the way I want to dedicate my work."

This presentation is only one of many Halton Board initiatives aimed at encouraging students to learn about and take action on environmental issues. Board programs and activities include an Environmental Network with staff and student representatives at each school, large-scale involvement by schools in Earth Week, a wide variety of in-school efforts focussed on recycling, and the development of a new and comprehensive environmental policy. That policy came to the Board of Trustees for information last Thursday.

Crime Stoppers nabbing crooks

Tips from callers to Crime Stoppers helped the organization make 34 arrests and solve 50 criminal cases last year.

The Board of Directors of Crime Stoppers of Halton were pleased with the 1990 statistics they released on Wednesday.

Sergeant Dave Atkinson, the Halton Regional Police officer in charge of receiving tips from anonymous callers, said they were able to arrest eight more suspects than last year because of the increasing number of tips the office has been receiving.

"As the years go by and more people are aware of the program, we get more calls and a greater variety of calls," he said. "The first year we started, in 1988, we

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received 140 calls. This year we had 176 calls."

The arrests officers made helped solve 50 cases this year. But Sergeant Atkinson warned

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Persian Gulf War Town Hall meetings

Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner will hold special Town Hall meetings in Georgetown and Acton next week to give people a chance to air their views on a number of issues, including Canada's involvement in the war now raging in the Persian Gulf.

"It has been more than 40 years since Canadian troops went into battle," Turner said. "We are not a war-like country, but we do have a tradition of supporting freedom and taking on those who threaten it."

"I want to give everyone an opportunity to voice their concerns or their support on this important issue. Of course, as with all my meetings, people are also free to discuss anything else, as well."

The Town Hall meetings will be held in Acton, Wednesday, January 30 at Trinity United Church, 70 Mill St. E. at 7:30 p.m. and in Georgetown on Thursday, January 31, 7:30 p.m., Georgetown Lions Hall, 42 Mill St., behind the arena. For information call (416) 873-4673 or 1-800-668-4322.